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FOR ROBERT ANDERSON FROM LEFKOW

E.O. 11652: ADS - DECONTROL MAY 2, 1974

TAGS: OGEN (KISSINGER)

SUBJ: PRESS IN ISRAEL

1. SEVERAL FRESH WRINKLES ARISE IN CONNECTION WITH SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL THURSDAY UPON WHICH YOU MIGHT WANT TO REFLECT.
2. MRS KISSINGER, AS YOU CAN WELL IMAGINE, WILL DRAW HUGE PRESS INTEREST. WE HAVE ALREADY DISCOURAGED A SURGE OF REQUESTS FOR INTERVIEWS AND STRESSED MRS KISSINGER'S DESIRE FOR PRIVACY. YOU CAN BE ASSURED THIS WILL HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO IMPACT AND THAT SHE WILL BE TRAILED BY AN ASSEMBLY OF STILLS AND TV CAMERAS AND NEWSMEN. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE ISRAELI PRESS CAN BE DESCRIBED, IN A FEW WORDS, AS AGGRESSIVE AND COMPETITIVE WITH LINES TO THE GOI THAT PROVIDE VIRTUAL INSTANT REPLAY ON ANY PRIVATE ARRANGEMENTS THAT MIGHT BE MADE.

3. THE EXCLUSIVENESS OF SECRETARY'S BACKGROUND BRIEFINGS ARE A PERENNIAL SORE POINT WITH THE ISRAELI-BASED AMERICAN

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PRESS. YOU CAN ANTICIPATE HOWLS STRONGER THAN EVER FOR A CHANGE

IN THE PRACTICE OF "NO FLY, NO BACKGROUND BRIEFING." THE
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS ASSOCIATION HAS ALREADY WEIGHED IN
FOR A SKELETONIZED REBRIEFING AS ITS FALLBACK. THERE ARE SOME
MAJOR SPECIALS HERE SUCH AS NEW YORK DAILY NEWS, WHICH
HAS TRAVELED WITH SECRETARY IN PAST, WHICH WOULD LIKE TO BE CUT IN.
ANY GUIDANCE YOU CAN PROVIDE IN ADVANCE MIGHT HELP REDUCE THE
NOISE LEVEL WHILE YOU ARE ON THE GROUND HERE EVEN IF IT IS
A REITERATION OF PAST PRACTICE.
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